



SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Union School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 4,701

Superintendent: Dr. David L. Eubanks

Board Chair: Mrs. Betty J. McMorris

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2007	Below Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	CA
2006	Below Average	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	CDI

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
0	0	7	18	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 02/17/2009. Districts with Students like Ours are Districts with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

PACT

PACT	2008 Reading % Basic and above	2008 Math % Basic and above	2008 Science % Basic and above	2008 Social Studies % Basic and above
District	68.4%	71.6%	57.5%	64.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	70.6%	71.2%	61.3%	65.2%
Average District	76.0%	76.0%	67.4%	71.3%

PACT	2008 Reading % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Math % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Science % Proficient & Advanced	2008 Social Studies % Proficient & Advanced
District	25.5%	28.2%	24.4%	28.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	30.8%	28.9%	29.3%	27.7%
Average District	37.6%	35.1%	36.4%	34.7%

HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtests (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	73.4%	14.1%	12.5%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	78.1%	11.2%	10.6%

HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2008 (%)

District	93.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	93.2%

End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	54.0%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.7%

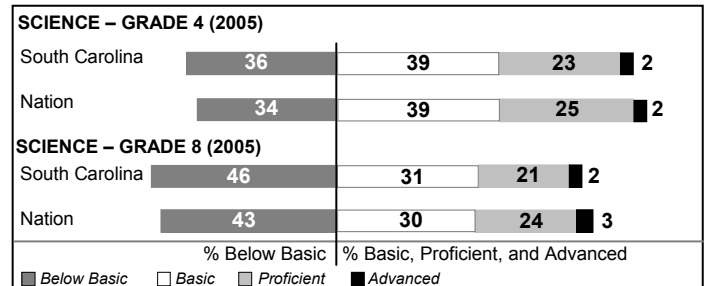
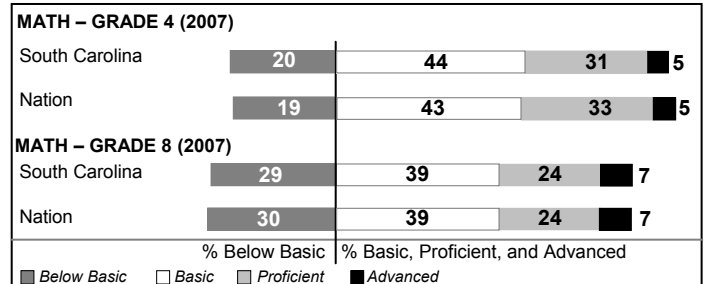
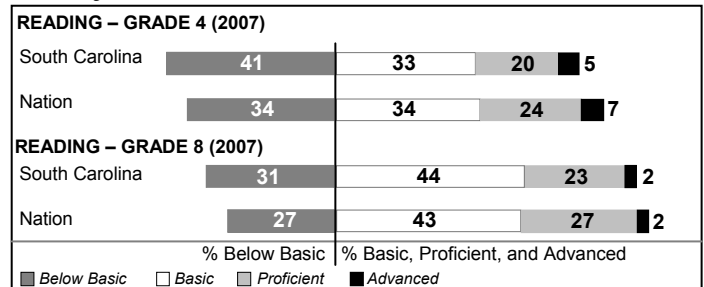
On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	73.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	77.9%

** Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

NAEP*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
Students (n=4,701)				
Retention rate	4.0%	Up from 3.9%	4.4%	4.0%
Attendance rate	94.4%	Down from 95.0%	95.5%	95.6%
Eligible for gifted and talented	13.5%	No Change	11.7%	11.4%
With disabilities other than speech	14.4%	Up from 12.5%	11.3%	10.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	1.6%	Up from 1.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	5.1%	Down from 7.9%	9.0%	10.3%
Successful on AP/IB exams	30.3%	N/A	50.0%	56.0%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	7.5%	Down from 27.4%	29.9%	31.1%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	92	Down from 106	50	48
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	91	Up from 78	25	27
Annual dropout rate	0.6%	Down from 2.7%	3.1%	3.8%
Teachers (n=335)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	56.4%	Down from 60.4%	54.8%	54.8%
Continuing contract teachers	75.2%	Down from 77.5%	77.2%	73.9%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	6.5%	Up from 4.8%	3.8%	5.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	Down from 90.0%	88.5%	88.8%
Teacher attendance rate	93.6%	Up from 88.7%	94.6%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$45,660	Up 2.1%	\$44,873	\$45,107
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.3%	Up from 0.0%	0.7%	0.5%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	2.3%	No Change	2.1%	2.5%
District				
Superintendent's years at district	1.0	Down from 5.0	5.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.2 to 1	Down from 21.3 to 1	19.4 to 1	20.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.6%	Up from 79.7%	88.5%	89.1%
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$8,343	Up 5.5%	\$8,666	\$8,666
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	56.2%	Down from 56.5%	53.7%	53.1%
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	60.5%	Up from 59.6%	57.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	10	No Change	10	9
Portable classrooms	8.2%	Down from 11.6%	2.1%	4.3%
Average age in years of school facilities	42 Years	No Change	27 Years	26 Years
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	10.0	No Change	10.0	8.0
Average administrator salary	\$73,486	Down 0.3%	\$76,032	\$76,032
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%		69.0%	69.7%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

The 2007-2008 school year was a time of change and transition for the Union County School District.

The year was also a time of planning for and beginning the construction of two new buildings, which are scheduled to open in the fall of 2009. Both schools have been designed for the purpose of accommodating the educational needs of students and staff. The top priority of the school district will be to continue to provide the very best educational opportunity possible within a supportive and caring environment. These facilities will set a standard for the future and communicate a sincere desire to provide the very best for our students.

Pacing guides were developed this year for language arts, math, science, social studies, physical education, and visual and performing arts to assist teachers in determining the desired amount of time to be used for a particular instructional module as well as designing the day to accommodate the need. Instruction must be the determining factor in all decisions as the district moves forward with an emphasis on rigor for all students as they are challenged to achieve at the highest level possible.

The district experienced a decline of 115 students during the 07-08 school year. The decline in student population reflects the decrease in the total population in Union County and will continue to be a challenge as the district seeks to keep staffing at a level necessary to accommodate student numbers. It is important for the community to continue to grow economically in order for student numbers to remain constant. It appears that recent additions such as Dollar General and LSP are indications of the future.

Efforts must be for continuous improvement at all areas of operation within the Union County School system. It is the attention to detail which will allow the district to provide the very best educational opportunities for students.

David Eubanks, Superintendent

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